

**EXHIBIT A
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SRF POLICY**

The following new definitions are proposed for Section III, Definitions. The definitions section will be re-lettered accordingly.

“Infill” means new development and redevelopment within the existing developed footprint of a community, either on vacant land or on previously developed, underutilized land.

“Land Use Element” is one of the seven mandatory elements of a General Plan required by Government Code Section 65302.

“Housing Element” is one of the seven mandatory elements of a General Plan required by Government Code Section 65302.

“Sustainability” means balancing economic, environmental, and social factors in an equitable manner to maintain and protect the water resources to meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own water resources needs .

The following new text is proposed for Section IX.A, Project Report:

- 11. A description of how the applicant’s project addresses each of the state planning priorities defined in Section 65041.1 of the Government Code. The state planning priorities are intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety in the state, including in urban, suburban, and rural communities. Applicants should use the most recent state planning priorities either in the above-cited Section, or its successors if modified at any time in the future. The state planning priorities as of the date of adoption of this Policy, are as follows:**
 - a. To promote infill development and equity by rehabilitating, maintaining, and improving existing infrastructure that supports infill development and appropriate reuse and redevelopment of previously developed, underutilized land that is presently served by transit, streets, water, sewer, and other essential services, particularly in underserved areas, and to preserving cultural and historic resources.**
 - b. To protect environmental and agricultural resources by protecting, preserving, and enhancing the state’s most valuable natural resources, including working landscapes such as farm, range, and forest lands, natural lands such as wetlands, watersheds, wildlife habitats, and other wildlands, recreation lands such as parks, trails, greenbelts, and other open space, and landscapes with locally unique features and areas identified by the state as deserving special protection.**

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- c. To encourage efficient development patterns by ensuring that any infrastructure associated with development that is not infill supports new development that uses land efficiently, is built adjacent to existing developed areas to the extent consistent with the priorities specified pursuant to subdivision (b), in an area appropriately planned for growth, is served by adequate transportation and other essential utilities and services, and minimizes ongoing costs to taxpayers.**

The information provided in Section IX.A.11 is for information purposes only and shall not affect the priority or eligibility of a project requesting SRF funding.

The following new text is proposed for Section IX.D, General Planning. The trailing subsections in Section IX will be renumbered accordingly.

D. General Planning

If the applicant is responsible for adopting the general plan(s) for the area affected by a proposed project, the SWRCB shall will not give facilities plan approval for thea project until the applicant's authorized representative has certified that the applicant has adopted the "land use" and "housing" elements of its gGeneral pPlan and that the project is consistent with the adopted land use and housing elements.

If the applicant is not responsible for adopting the gGeneral pPlan(s) for the area affected by the project, then SWRCB shall not give facilities plan approval until the applicant's then the authorized representative would have to certifies that at least seventy-five (75) percent of the area affected by the project includes cities and counties withits service area is covered by adopted land use and housing elements. The applicant's authorized representative shall also certify and that the applicant has reviewed those plans and determined that its project is consistent with those adopted land use and housing elements.